



iBOX-280

User Manual

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# Chapter 1 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing iBOX-280, a reliable embedded box PC produced under ASRock's consistently stringent quality control. It delivers excellent performance with robust design conforming to ASRock's commitment to quality and endurance.



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*The illustrations shown in this manual are examples only, the actual system may differ slightly.*

## 1.1 Package Contents

- iBOX-280
- DN2800MT (pre-installed motherboard)
- 1 x SATA 1 to 1 Power Cable
- Rubber Pads
- 4 x HDD Screws (M3x3)
- mSATA/miniPCIE Screws (M2x3)
- Wall Mount Bracket (optional)
- Power Adapter
- User Manual



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## 1.2 Product Specifications

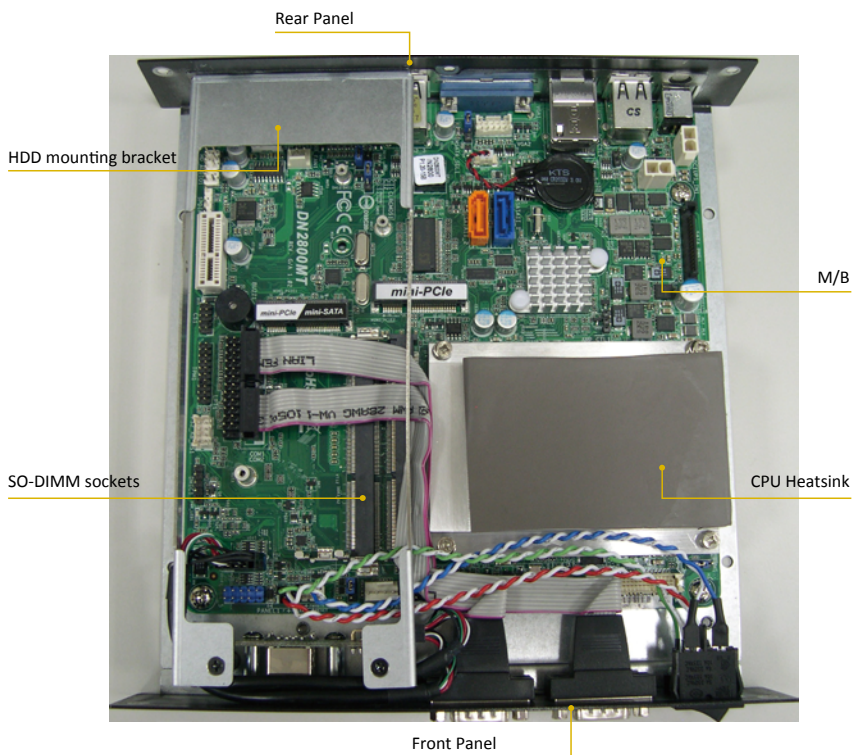
iBOX-280	
Processor System	
CPU	Intel Cedarview Atom N2800 Dual core 1.86GHz TDP 6.5W
Memory	2 x DDR3-1066MHz SO-DIMM up to 4 GB
Chipset	Intel NM10
Graphic	Intel GMA3650
LAN Chipset	Intel 82574L
Watch Dog	256 Segments,0,1,2,...255sec/min
Rear I/O	
Serial Port	2 x 232 port
USB	6 USB 2.0 ports
LAN	1 RJ45 Port for Gbe
Vedio output	1 x VGA, 1 x HDMI
Audio	Mic-in/ Line out
Expansion	1 x mini PCIe /1 x mSATA
Storage	
Type	1 x 2.5" HDD/ SSD
OS Support	
Window 7 / Linux	
Certifications	
CE, FCC, Class A	
Environmental	
Operating Temp	0°C~50°C
Storage Temp	-20°C~80°C
Humidity	10%~90%
Mechanical	
Material	Top cover -aluminum extrusion/ Base- metal
Dimension	200 x 200 x 35mm
Weight	1.8 Kg
Mounting	mounting bracket ( optional)

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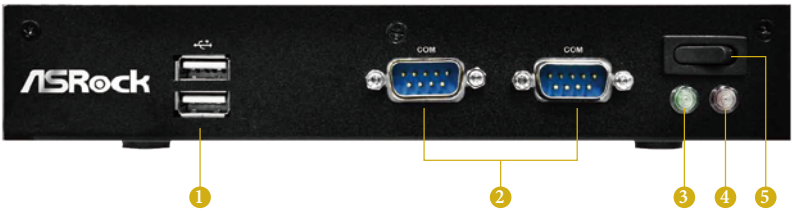
## Chapter 2 Product Overview

This chapter provides diagrams showing the location of important components of the iBOX-280.

### 2.1 Inside View



## 2.2 Front View



No.	Description
1	2 x USB 2.0 Ports
2	2 x COM Ports
3	Power LED
4	HDD LED
5	On-/off Switch

### Status LED Definitions

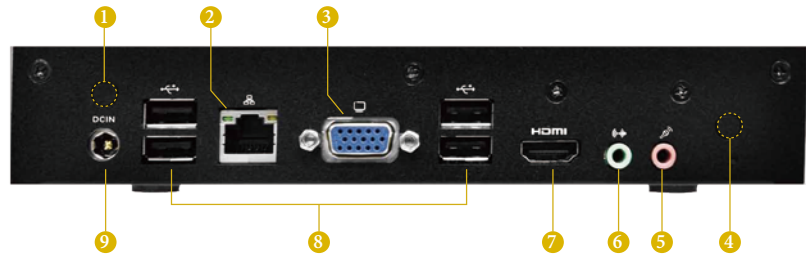
Power LED	
Status	Description
Solid Green	Power on
Off	Power off

HDD Status LED	
Status	Description
Red	HDD installed
Off	HDD uninstalled

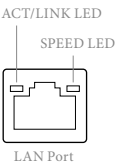


2.3 Rear View



No.	Description	No.	Description
1	Antenna Port	6	Line out (Lime)
2	LAN RJ-45 Port (LAN1)*	7	HDMI Port (HDMI1)
3	VGA Port (VGA1)	8	4 x USB 2.0 Ports
4	Antenna Port	9	DC Jack (DC_JACK1)
5	Microphone (Pink)		

\* There are two LEDs on each LAN port. Please refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.



Activity / Link LED		Speed LED	
Status	Description	Status	Description
Off	No Link	Off	10Mbps connection
Off	Data Activity	Orange	100Mbps connection
On	Link	Green	1Gbps connection

## Chapter 3 Hardware Installation

This chapter provides step-by-step procedures on how to install components.

### Installation Procedures

- 1 Removing the chassis top cover
- 2 Installing the memory modules (SO-DIMM)
- 3 Installing the 2.5-inch hard drive
- 4 Replacing the chassis top cover

After making sure that you have properly connected the power supply and all the necessary peripherals, power on the system.

### 3.1 Removing the Chassis Top Cover

1. Remove the three screws on the front panel.
2. Remove the three screws on the rear panel.
3. Remove the four screws in the bottom case.
4. Lift up and remove the top cover.

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## 3.2 Installing Memory Modules (SO-DIMM)

This motherboard provides two 204-pin DDR3 (Double Data Rate 3) SO-DIMM slots. Please install the SO-DIMM module into the DDR3\_A2 for the first priority.

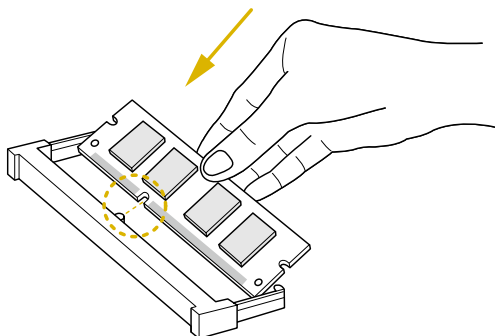


*It is not allowed to install a DDR or DDR2 memory module into a DDR3 slot; otherwise, this motherboard and SO-DIMM may be damaged.*

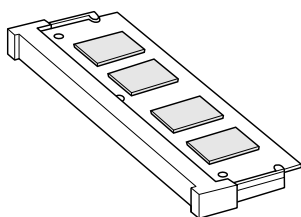


*The SO-DIMM only fits in one correct orientation. It will cause permanent damage to the motherboard and the SO-DIMM if you force the SO-DIMM into the slot at incorrect orientation.*

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### 3.3 Installing the Hard Drive

#### Removing HDD Mounting Bracket

1. Remove the four screws that secure the HDD mounting bracket to the chassis.
2. Lift up and remove the HDD mounting bracket.



## Installing a 2.5-inch Hard Drive

1. Place the HDD into the HDD mounting bracket with the printed circuit board side facing down. Carefully align the mounting holes in the hard drive and the HDD carrier.
2. Secure the hard drive into the place using the four screws.
3. Attach one end of the SATA 1 to 1 Power Cable to the hard drive.
4. Secure the HDD mounting bracket to the chassis using the four screws.
5. Attach the SATA data cable and power cable to the motherboard.



### 3.4 Replacing the Top Cover

1. Replace the top cover, making sure the mark on the top cover is aligned with the HDD mounting bracket.
2. Secure the three screws on the front panel.
3. Secure the three screws on the rear panel.
4. Secure the four screws at the bottom.



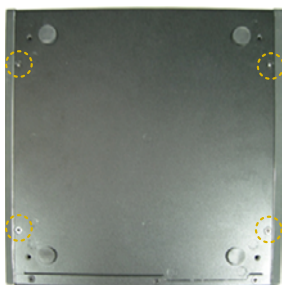
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### 3.5 Using the Wall Mount Bracket

1. Attach the Wall Mount Bracket to the base of iBOX-280 using the four screws (M3x4)
2. Mount the iBOX-280 to the wall using the four screws (M3x4).

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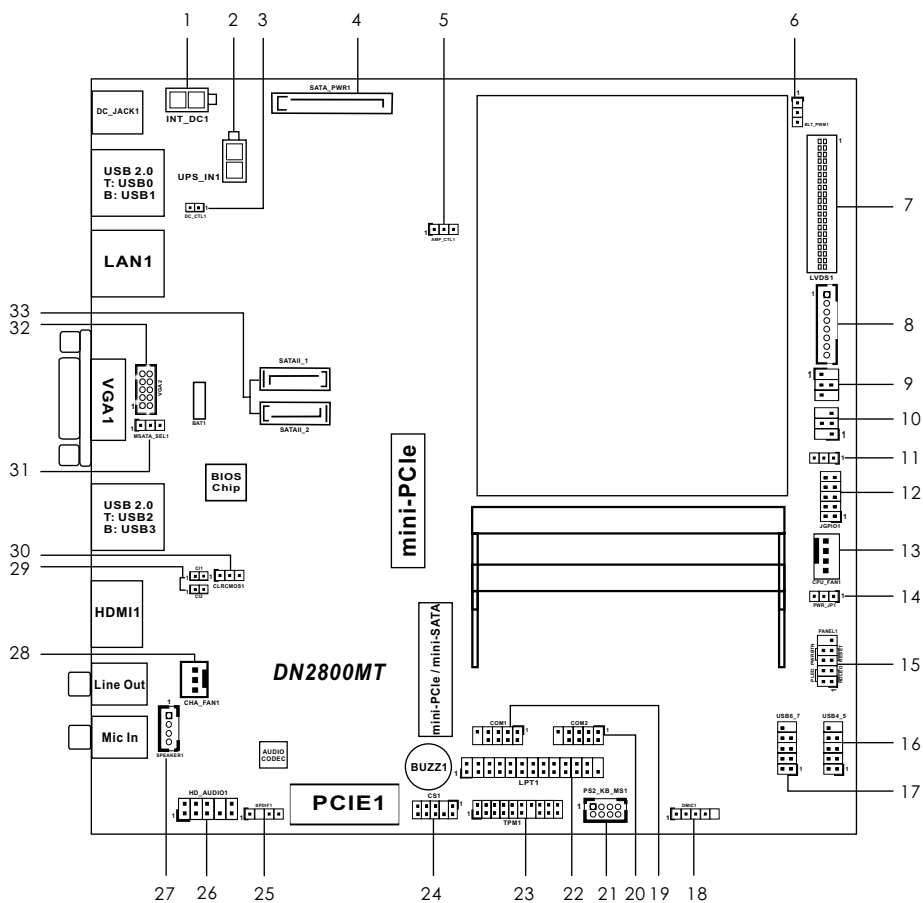


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# Chapter 4 Motherboard

## 4.1 Motherboard Layout



No.	Description
1	2-pin ATX Power Input/Output Connector
2	2-pin UPS Module Power Input Connector
3	DC_CTL1
4	SATA Power Output Connector
5	AMP_CTL1
6	BLT_PWM1
7	LVDS Panel Connector
8	BLT_CTL1
9	PNL_PWR1
10	BKT_PWR1
11	Digital Input / Output Power Select
12	Digital Input / Output Pin Header
13	4-Pin CPU FAN Connector
14	ATX/AT mode Selection
15	System Panel Header
16	USB2.0 Header (USB4_5)
17	USB2.0 Header (USB6_7)
18	DMIC1
19	RS-232 Port 4 Pin Header (COM1)
20	RS-232 Port 4 Pin Header (COM2)
21	PS2_KB_MS1
22	Printer Port Header
23	TPM Header
24	CS1
25	SPDIF1
26	Front Panel Audio Header
27	3W Audio AMP Output Wafer
28	3-Pin Chassis FAN Connector
29	Chassis Intrusion Headers (CI1, CI2)
30	Clear CMOS Header
31	MSATA_SEL1
32	VGA2
33	SATA2 Connectors (SATAII_1, SATAII_2)

## 4.2 Motherboard Specifications

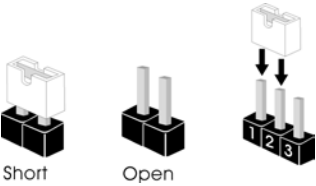
Form Factor	Dimensions	Mini-ITX (6.7-in x 6.7-in)
Processor System	CPU	- Intel <sup>®</sup> Dual-Core Atom <sup>™</sup> CedarView Processor N2800 - Supports Hyper-Threading Technology
	Core Number	2
	Max Speed	N2800: 1.86 GHz
	L3 Cache	N/A
	Chipset	NM10
	BIOS	UEFI
Expansion Slot	PCI	0
	Mini-PCIe	1 (Half Size) + 1 (Full Size, shared with m-SATA)
	mSATA	1 (share with mini-PCIe)
	PCIe	1 (x1)
	CFast Card Socket	0
Memory	Technology	Single Channel DDR3 800/1066 MHz SDRAM
	Max.	4GB
	Socket	2 x SODIMM
Graphics	Controller	Intel <sup>®</sup> PowerVR SGX545, Support DirectX9 compliant Pixel Shader v3.0 and OGL 3.0
	VRAM	Shared Memory
	VGA	Supports max. resolution 1920 x 1200
	LVDS	Dual channel 24-bit, max resolution 1920 x 1200@60Hz
	HDMI	1
	DVI	No
	DisplayPort	No
	Multi Display	Yes (Dual Display)
Ethernet	Ethernet	10/100/1000 Mbps
	Controller	GbE LAN: 1 x Intel <sup>®</sup> 82574L
	Connector	1 x RJ-45
SATA	Max Data Transfer Rate	SATA2 (3.0Gb/s)
Rear I/O	VGA	1
	DVI	0
	HDMI	1
	DisplayPort	0
	Ethernet	1
	USB	4
	Audio	2 (Mic-In, Line-Out)
	Serial	0
	PS/2	0

<b>Internal Connector</b>	USB	4 (USB 2.0 compliant)
	LVDS/Inverter	1/1
	VGA	1 (shared with rear I/O VGA COM)
	Serial	2 ( RS232) / 4 from TPM header
	SATA	2 x SATA2 ( 3.0Gb/s)
	mPCIe	1 + 1 shared
	Parallel	1
	mSATA	1 shared
	IrDA	0
	GPIO 8-bit	4 in / 4 out
	SATA PWR Output Con	1
	Speaker Header	1
<b>Watchdog Timer</b>	Output	From Super I/O to drag RESETCON#
	Interval	256 Segments, 0,1,2...255 Sec/Min
<b>Power Requirements</b>	Input PWR	9~19V DC-In (DC-Jack or 2-pin PWR Con)
	Power On	AT/ATX Supported -AT : Directly PWR on as power input ready -ATX : Press button to PWR on after power input ready
<b>Environment</b>	Temperature	0°C – 60°C

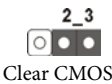
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### 4.3 Jumpers Setup

The illustration shows how jumpers are setup. When the jumper cap is placed on the pins, the jumper is “Short”. If no jumper cap is placed on the pins, the jumper is “Open”. The illustration shows a 3-pin jumper whose pin1 and pin2 are “Short” when a jumper cap is placed on these 2 pins.



Clear CMOS Jumper  
(CLRCMOS1)  
(see p.13, No. 30)



CLRCMOS1 allows you to clear the data in CMOS. To clear and reset the system parameters to default setup, please turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power supply. After waiting for 15 seconds, use a jumper cap to short pin2 and pin3 on CLRCMOS1 for 5 seconds. However, please do not clear the CMOS right after you update the BIOS. If you need to clear the CMOS when you just finish updating the BIOS, you must boot up the system first, and then shut it down before you do the clear-CMOS action. Please be noted that the password, date, time, and user default profile will be cleared only if the CMOS battery is removed.

AMP\_CTL1  
(3-pin AMP\_CTL1)  
(see p.13, No. 5)



PIN	Signal Name
1	GPIO_VOL_DW
2	GND
3	GPIO_VOL_UP

BLT\_PWM1  
(CON\_LBKLT\_CTL)  
(3-pin BLT\_PWM1)  
(see p.13, No. 6)



1-2 : +3V  
2-3 : +5V

BLT\_CTL1  
(8-pin BLT\_CTL1)  
(see p.13, No. 8)



PIN	Signal Name
1	CON_LBKLT_EN
2	CON_LBKLT_CTL
3	LCD_BLT_VCC
4	LCD_BLT_VCC
5	GND
6	GND
7	GPIO_BLT_UP
8	GPIO_BLT_DW

DC\_CTL1  
(2-pin DC\_CTL1)  
(see p.13, No. 3)



Power Input Voltage >  
+12V: Short  
Power Input Voltage ≤  
+12V: Open

Panel Power  
Selection  
(4-pin PNL\_PWR1)  
(see p.13, No. 9)



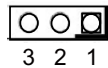
PIN	Signal Name
1	+3.3V
2	NC
3	LCD_VCC
4	+12V
5	+5V
6	NC

Backlight Power  
Selection  
(4-pin BKT\_PWR1)  
(see p.13, No. 10)



PIN	Signal Name
1	+5V
2	NC
3	LCD_BLT_VCC
4	+Vin
5	+12V
6	NC

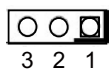
Digital Input /  
Output Power Select  
(3-pin JGPIO\_PWR1)  
(see p.13, No. 11)



1-2 : +12V  
2-3 : +5V

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ATX/AT Mode  
Selection  
(3-pin PWR\_JP1)  
(see p.13, No. 14)



1-2 : AT Mode  
2-3 : ATX Mode

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MSATA\_SEL1  
(Disable SATAII\_2)  
(3-pin MSATA\_  
SEL1)  
(see p.13, No. 31)



1-2 : mPCIE  
2-3 : mSATA

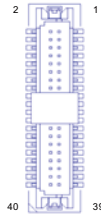


## 4.4 Onboard Headers and Connectors



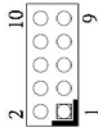
Onboard headers and connectors are NOT jumpers. Do NOT place jumper caps over these headers and connectors. Placing jumper caps over the headers and connectors will cause permanent damage to the motherboard.

LVDS Panel  
Connector  
(40-pin LVDS1)  
(see p.13, No. 7)



PIN	Signal Name	PIN	Signal Name
2	LCD_VCC	1	LCD_VCC
4	LDDC_CLK	3	+3V
6	LVDS_A_ DATA0#	5	LDDC_DATA
8	GND	7	LVDS_A_ DATA0
10	LVDS_A_ DATA1	9	LVDS_A_ DATA1#
12	LVDS_A_ DATA2#	11	GND
14	GND	13	LVDS_A_ DATA2
16	LVDS_A_ DATA3	15	LVDS_A_ DATA3#
18	LVDS_A_CLK#	17	GND
20	GND	19	LVDS_A_CLK
22	LVDS_B_ DATA0	21	LVDS_B_ DATA0#
24	LVDS_B_ DATA1#	23	GND
26	GND	25	LVDS_B_ DATA1
28	LVDS_B_ DATA2	27	LVDS_B_ DATA2#
30	LVDS_B_ DATA3#	29	DPLVDD_EN
32	GND	31	LVDS_B_ DATA3
34	LVDS_B_CLK	33	LVDS_B_CLK#
36	CON_LBKLT_ EN	35	GND
38	LCD_BLT_VCC	37	CON_LBKLT_ CTL
40	LCD_BLT_VCC	39	LCD_BLT_VCC

Digital Input /  
Output Pin Header  
(10-pin JGPIO1)(see  
p.13, No. 12)



PIN	Signal Name	PIN	Signal Name
10	GND	9	JGPIO_PQR1
8	SIO_GP3	7	SIO_GP7
6	SIO_GP2	5	SIO_GP6
4	SIO_GP1	3	SIO_GP5
2	SIO_GP0	1	SIO_GP4

UPS Module Power  
Input Connector  
(2-pin DC\_UPS1)  
(see p.13, No. 2)



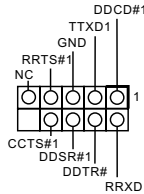
ATX Power Input/  
Output Connector  
(2-pin INT\_DC1)  
(see p.13, No. 1)



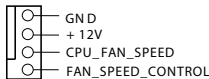
SATA Power  
Output Connector  
(SATA\_PWR1)  
(see p.13, No. 4)



RS-232 Port 4 Pin  
Headers  
(9-pin COM1: see  
p.13, No. 19)  
(9-pin COM2: see  
p.13, No. 20)



CPU Fan  
Connector  
(4-pin CPU\_FAN1)  
(see p.13 No. 13)



Please connect the CPU  
fan cable to the connector  
and match the black wire  
to the ground pin.

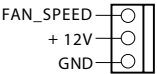


Though this motherboard provides 4-Pin CPU fan (Quiet Fan) support, the 3-Pin CPU fan still can work successfully even without the fan speed control function.  
If you plan to connect the 3-Pin CPU fan to the CPU fan connector on this motherboard, please connect it to Pin 1-3.

Pin 1-3 Connected ←  
3-Pin Fan Installation

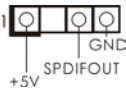


Chassis Fan  
Connector  
(3-pin CHA\_FAN1)  
(see p.13, No. 28)



Please connect the fan  
cable to the fan connector  
and match the black wire  
to the ground pin.

SPDIF1  
(3-pin SPDIF1: see  
p.13, No. 25)

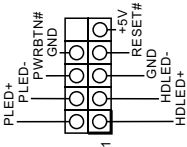


VGA2  
(10-pin VGA2: see  
p.13, No. 32)



PIN	Signal Name	PIN	Signal Name
1	RED	2	GND
3	GRN	4	GND
5	BLUE	6	GND
7	HSYNC	8	VSYNC
9	DDC_CLK	10	DDC_DATA

System Panel Header  
(9-pin PANEL1)  
(see p.13, No. 15)



This header  
accommodates several  
system front panel  
functions.

**PWRBTN (Power Switch):**

Connect to the power switch on the chassis front panel. You may configure the way to turn off your system using the power switch.

**RESET (Reset Switch):**

Connect to the reset switch on the chassis front panel. Press the reset switch to restart the computer if the computer freezes and fails to perform a normal restart.

**PLED (System Power LED):**

Connect to the power status indicator on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the system is operating. The LED keeps blinking when the system is in S3 sleep state. The LED is off when the system is in S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).

**HDLED (Hard Drive Activity LED):**

Connect to the hard drive activity LED on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the hard drive is reading or writing data.

The front panel design may differ by chassis. A front panel module mainly consists of power switch, reset switch, power LED, hard drive activity LED, speaker and etc. When connecting your chassis front panel module to this header, make sure the wire assignments and the pin assignments are matched correctly.

SATA2 Connectors  
(SATAII\_1/SATAII\_2: see  
p.13, No. 33)

**SATAII\_1****SATAII\_2**

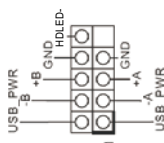
These two Serial ATA2 (SATA2) connectors support SATA data cables for internal storage devices. The current SATA2 interface allows up to 3.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.

3W Audio Amp Output  
Wafer  
(4-pin SPEAKER1)  
(see p.13, No. 27)



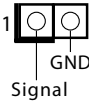
PIN	Signal Name
1	SPK L-
2	SPK L+
3	SPK R+
4	SPK R-

USB 2.0 Headers  
(9-pin USB4\_5: see p.13,  
No. 16)  
(9-pin USB6\_7: see p.13,  
No. 17)



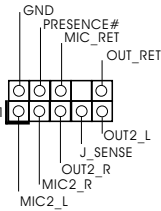
Besides four default USB 2.0 ports on the I/O panel, there are two USB 2.0 headers on this motherboard. Each USB 2.0 header can support two USB 2.0 ports.

Chassis Intrusion Headers  
(2-pin CII/CI2: see p.13,  
No. 29)



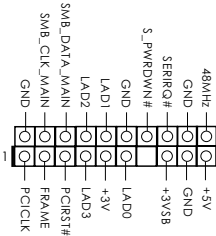
This motherboard supports CASE OPEN detection feature that detects if the chassis cover has been removed. This feature requires a chassis with chassis intrusion detection design.

Front Panel Audio Header  
(9-pin HD\_AUDIO1)  
(see p.13 No. 26)



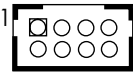
This is an interface for front panel audio cable that allows convenient connection and control of audio devices.

TPM Header  
(17-pin TPM1)  
(see p.13, No. 23)



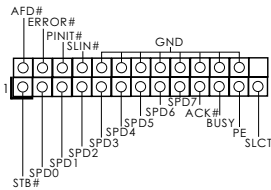
This connector supports a Trusted Platform Module (TPM) system, which can securely store keys, digital certificates, passwords, and data. A TPM system also helps enhance network security, protects digital identities, and ensures platform integrity.

PS2\_KB\_MS1  
(8-pin PS2\_KB\_MS1)  
(see p.13, No. 21)



PIN	Signal Name
1	KBCLK
2	+5V
3	KBDATA
4	+5V
5	MSDATA
6	GND
7	MSCLK
8	GND

Print Port Header  
(25-pin LPT1)  
(see p.13, No. 22)



This is an interface for print port cable that allows convenient connection of printer devices.

DMIC1  
(4-pin DMIC1)  
(see p.13, No. 18)



PIN	Signal Name
1	+3V
2	DMIC_DATA
3	GND
4	DMIC_CLK
5	NC

CS1  
(9-pin CS1)  
(see p.13, No. 24)



PIN	Signal Name
1	Watch Dog Timer
2	Ground
3	NC
4	SMB_CLK_ RESUME
5	+3.3V standby
6	SMB_DATA_ RESUME
7	PWRBT#
8	CIRRX
9	+5.0V standby
10	Ground

## 4.5 Expansion Slots (PCI Express, mini-PCIe and mini-PCIe/mini-SATA Slots)

There is 1 PCI Express slot, 1 mini-PCIe slot and 1 mini-PCIe/mini-SATA slot on this motherboard.



*Before installing an expansion card, please make sure that the power supply is switched off or the power cord is unplugged. Please read the documentation of the expansion card and make necessary hardware settings for the card before you start the installation.*

### **PCIe slot:**

PCIE1 (PCIe x1 slot) is used for PCI Express x1 lane width graphics cards.

### **mini-PCIe slot:**

MINI\_PCIE2 (mini-PCIe slot; half size) is used for PCI Express mini cards

### **mini-PCIe/mini-SATA slot:**

MINI\_PCIE1 (mini-PCIe/mini-SATA slot; full size) is used for PCI Express mini cards or mSATA cards.